

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : Shane Record
Serial No. : 10/776,080
Filed : February 11, 2004
For : Compact Grid Conveyor Belt
Attorney's Docket : WBELT-007XX
Examiner : James R. Bidwell
Group Art Unit : 3651

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) and Renewed Petition to
Withdraw from Issue

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Sir or Madam:

This letter and the accompanying documents are responsive to the decision mailed September 13, 2006, dismissing the petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) filed on May 8, 2006 regarding the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned on April 21, 2006 for failure to timely pay the issue fee, or to file any other responsive document in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 20, 2006.

The office dismisses the previously filed petition, stating that the Issue Fee, in response to the Notice of Allowance, was not included. Applicant submits the issue fee herein. A petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.313 to withdraw the application from issue and request for continued examination, together with the respective fees were filed on 5-5-06. Applicant previously filed on 8-31-06 a Petition to Withdraw Application from Issue, together with the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h) and a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary. Accordingly, Applicant believes that they have satisfied all of the requirements for the previously filed petition, and request that the petition be properly granted.

The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 12, 2006, to revive the above-identified application. This is also a decision on the petition to withdraw from issue, filed September 12, 2006, which is being treated under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2). See 1233 *Official Gazette* 54 (April 11, 2000).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **DISMISSED**.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹ must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(c). The instant petition lack(s) item(s) 1.

The statute is clear that failure to timely pay the issue fee within three months of the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due will result in abandonment of the application. In this case, the Notice of Allowance was mailed on January 20, 2006. Therefore, this application became abandoned by operation of law on April 21, 2006. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

The petition does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Consequently, the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) is also **DISMISSED**.

¹ As amended effective December 1, 1997. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53194-95 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 119-20 (October 21, 1997).

Any request for reconsideration of the decisions must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted; however, no further petition fee is required. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition for Revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and Renewed Petition to Withdraw from Issue" This is not a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.



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